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DATE: JULY 6, 1974

SUBJECT: PORTRAYAL OF CHOU EN-LAI'S HEALTH TO CHINESE PEOPLE

PEOPLE'S DAILY OF JULY 6 CARRIES A FRONTPAGE PHOTO OF  
PREMIER CHOU FLANKED BY SENATOR AND MRS. JACKSON; THE SAME  
PICTURE IS IN THE JULY 6 WASHINGTON POST. CHOU IS STANDING  
AND IS DRESSED IN HIS NORMAL FASHION. HE LOOKS RELATIVELY FIT.

THE CHINESE PEOPLE WERE TOLD YESTERDAY THAT THE JACKSON  
MEETING TOOK PLACE IN A HOSPITAL. THEY HAVE BEEN AWARE THAT  
CHOU HAS SHARPLY REDUCED HIS CEREMONIAL DUTIES BECAUSE OF AN  
UNSPECIFIED ILLNESS. THE NEWS PICTURE, WHICH CONTAINED NO HINT  
OF THE HOSPITAL SETTING, SEEMS DESIGNED TO REASSURE THE POPULACE  
THAT CHOU'S ILLNESS IS NOT SERIOUS ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM FROM

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